

Summertime Means It's Time for the Fair

Individuals from the Pleasant View Broadway Day Program enjoyed a day at the fair. We were greeted with entertaining music as we got out of our vehicles and



and, as often happens in the day program, a dance party broke out. The faithfully helpful Virginia Skyline Council Girl Scouts made sure

everyone stayed hydrated by handing out cold bottled water. Each small group from the day program included the small animal barn, 4H petting zoo, and cattle barn on their list of attractions to see.

Community friends we see each year at the fair were everywhere. Sarah enjoyed making a new friend and petting the bunny (above). The Rockingham County Fair Royalty stopped to take pictures with Sarah and Kristie (Below). Sarah was smart and asked to have her picture taken in the shade. It was very hot.

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Community Connections Recognized for Volunteerism

Community Connection (CC) teams logged a record breaking 7,300 volunteer hours in their community. Volunteer sites depend on the reliability of each team and their attention to detail. The team members enjoy working together and take pride in their work. They build true relationships with people at each site.



Recently, CC received the above award. Bell Ringing is beyond their regular volunteer schedule at the Harrisonburg and Timberville Salvation Army Family Stores. In June, CC added three Meals-On-Wheels routes to their schedule for a total of eight scheduled weekly routes. The other volunteer sites can be found on our website in the Day Support Services flier PDF. Karen, in the front seat below, told me her team was going to a church that morning to help put labels and stamps on envelopes for a mailing. She said, "We can do everything."

Without a knowledgeable and dedicated Director, Coordinator, and Direct Support Professionals, this network of good would not be possible. We are thankful for the organizations that provide purposeful volunteer activities and Pleasant View, Inc. supporters who believe in the value of individuals with disabilities. ●



Fall 2017



Supporting Individuals with



“Day Program” Cont.: We all enjoyed some lunch from the Rockingham 4-H and Harrisonburg Kiwanis Clubs. It was especially fun for Kristie and Tom to visit the Kiwanis food booth and meet some of the club members. They joined the Kiwanis Aktion Club last August and have yet another connection to the community. Kristie and Tom understand, on a new level, that the food booths at the fair are fundraising opportunities that help our community clubs and organizations support needed services in our area.

We are thankful to be included in the Senior Day at the Rockingham County Fair. Many of the individuals who attend our Pleasant View, Inc. day supports are not able to afford to go to the fair otherwise. ●



Jon McCall, the Kiwanis Aktion Club’s newly elected secretary, was a big help at the Kiwanis food booth at the county fair Friday, August 18, 2017. He helped take and fill orders and was a valued team member on a very busy night. The money raised at the fair goes to fund services that benefit children in our community and internationally. ●

Pork BBQ Sales Benefits Individuals with Disabilities

For the past several years Pleasant View, Inc. has held the Community Pork BBQ at the Harrisonburg Day Support Services building. The original fundraiser, however, was hosted by Board of Director member, Maynard Weaver, and his wife Gayle, in 2010 at their church in Stuarts Draft. This year, we decided to freshen up our fundraiser and share our mission with people in both Rockingham and Augusta Counties.



The Pork was prepared at the Stuarts Draft Christian Fellowship Church early Saturday September 9, 2017.

Volunteers in Stuarts Draft included two

more members of Pleasant View’s Board of Directors, Bruce Swartz and David Cash (pictured), members of the Stuarts Draft Christian Fellowship, and members of the Showalter family. Thank you for your dedication to help adults with disabilities to live in and enrich their community.

Pleasant View employees and Aktion Club members manned a booth at the Broadway Autumn Festival selling water, baked goods, BBQ, Redskins Game Raffle tickets, and taking donations for donated art.

Our Mission: Pleasant View supports individuals with disabilities achieve their own spiritual, emotional, relational, vocational, and residential goals.

Intellectual Disabilities Since 1971

“BBQ” Cont.: We heard time and again how good the BBQ and special homemade BBQ sauce tasted. We also were able to talk with community members about services Pleasant View, Inc. offers.



The day ended with a delicious Pork BBQ meal back in Stuarts Draft, VA. Donna, Tom, Daniel, Henry and Linda enjoyed visiting with our extended Pleasant View family and were able to thank everyone in person. BBQ sales and donations from in Front of the Cheese Shop, the Broadway Autumn Festival, and BBQ meal, we raised **\$3,551**. These funds will be used to provide residential, day support, and spiritual support programs for adults with developmental disabilities. ●



Two New Accessible Vehicles Granted



We are happy to announce that Pleasant View, Inc. was awarded a grant that covers 80% of the cost for two accessible vehicles, a minivan and a high top van, from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This year we also received a grant for the remaining 20% from KOVAR, a Knights of Columbus Charity. We have already received the minivan (pictured) and hope to

“Vehicles” Cont.: receive the 9-passenger raised roof van (below) in October. ●



Supported Employment Program Earns Another Three-Year CARF Certification

Pleasant View, Inc. Supported Employment Program was awarded a Three-Year CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation in July 2017 for our:

- Supported Employment Program: Community Employment
- Employment Supports; Community Employment
- Job Development; Employment Planning Services.

The latest accreditation is our sixth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation.

The accreditation represents Pleasant View’s substantial conformance to the CARF standards. We are proud that our commitment to offer programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality was recognized by the CARF surveyors. Celebrate with us the hard work of Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Peggy Secrist, Donna Click and their teams of Direct Support Professional and Job Coaches. ●



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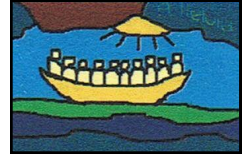
Pleasant View's Annual Fall Banquet will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 6pm in the Eastern Mennonite High School Dining Room. **The Program theme will be "Hidden Treasures."** Our Worship Team will be featured. Come enjoy the new and challenging pieces they have been working on. They keep getting better.

Worshiping with Friends

The Pleasant View, Inc. Worship Team enjoys participating annually in the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community Vespers in the Detwiler Auditorium. On September 17, 2017 they were welcomed by an enthusiastic group, many of whom

All are welcome at Faith & Light

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feel like family now. The Worship Team members received many blessings as they were told of the blessings they had imparted on the attendees. During the service the Community Connections Program's work in the Oak Lea laundry services was also noted. We all benefit by living side by side in Christian Love. ♥

